- 1 What is claimed is:
- 2 1. A dry cementitious composition comprising cement and
- 3 CKD as major components and having a weight ratio of cement
- 4 to CKD between about 2/3 and 3/1.
- 5 2. The dry cementitious composition of claim 1, wherein
- 6 the weight ratio is no greater than about 7/3.
- 7 3. The dry cementitious composition of claim 1, wherein
- 8 the weight ratio is no greater than about 3/2.
- 9 4. The dry cementitious composition of claim 1, wherein
- 10 the dry cementitious composition is at least about 70% by
- 11 weight cement and CKD.
- 12 5. The dry cementitious composition of claim 1, wherein
- 13 the dry cementitious composition is at least about 90% by
- 14 weight cement and CKD.
- 15 6. The dry cementitious composition of claim 1, wherein
- 16 the dry cementitious composition is blended.
- 17 7. A hydraulic cementitious slurry comprising:
- 18 a predetermined amount of a dry cementitious
- 19 composition which comprises cement and CKD as major
- 20 components and has a weight ratio of cement to CKD is
- 21 between about 2/3 and 3/1; and
- 22 a predetermined amount of water of at least about 6
- 23 gallons per sack of the dry cementitious composition.

- 1 8. The hydraulic cementitious slurry of claim 7, wherein
- 2 the weight ratio of cement to CKD is no greater than about
- 3 7/3.
- 4 9. The hydraulic cementitious slurry of claim 7, wherein
- 5 the weight ratio of cement to CKD is no greater than about
- 6 3/2.
- 7 10. The hydraulic cementitious slurry of claim 7, wherein
- 8 the dry cementitious composition is at least about 70% by
- 9 weight cement and CKD.
- 10 11. The hydraulic cementitious slurry of claim 7, wherein
- 11 the dry cementitious composition is at least about 90% by
- 12 weight cement and CKD.
- 13 12. The hydraulic cementitious slurry of claim 7, wherein
- 14 the predetermined amount of water is no greater than about
- 15 12 gallons per sack of the dry cementitious composition.
- 16 13. A hard cured cementitious body produced by curing the
- 17 hydraulic cementitious slurry of claim 7, wherein the
- 18 predetermined amount of a dry cementitious composition which
- 19 comprises cement and CKD, the weight ratio of cement to CKD,
- 20 and the predetermined amount of water per sack of the dry
- 21 cementitious composition are effective values for causing
- 22 the hard cured cementitious body to have a compressive
- 23 strength of at least about 1000 psi and a maximum
- 24 permeability no greater than 0.1 md.

- 1 14. A process for producing dry blended cement and CKD
- 2 useful for forming an effective hydraulic cementitious
- 3 slurry when slurried with water comprising:
- 4 (a) loading into a suitable transporting container a
- 5 predetermined weight of CKD;
- 6 (b) thereafter, loading into the container at a cement
- 7 source site, a predetermined weight of cement on top of the
- 8 CKD, the predetermined weights producing a weight ratio of
- 9 cement to CKD between about 2/3 and about 3/1; and
- 10 (c) transporting the transporting container site to an off-
- 11 loading site and allowing vibration of the transporting
- 12 container during transit to automatically dry blend the
- 13 cement and CKD sufficiently for forming an effective
- 14 hydraulic cementitious slurry when slurried with water,
- 15 without requiring any further dry blending of the cement and
- 16 CKD after off-loading from the transporting container.
- 17 15. The process of claim 14, wherein the weight ratio of
- 18 cement to CKD is between about 2/3 and about 3/2.
- 19 16. (A process for forming a hydraulic cementitious slurry
- 20 effective for closing an abandoned well comprising:
- 21 (a) dry blending a predetermined amount of cement and a
- 22 predetermined amount of CKD to produce a dry blended
- 23 cementitious composition, the predetermined amounts of
- 24 cement and CKD having a weight ratio of cement to CKD
- 25 between about 2/3 and 3/1; and
- 26 (b) slurrying the dry blended cementitious composition with
- 27 a predetermi/ned amount of water sufficient to form a
- 28 hydraulic cementitious slurry effective for closing an
- 29 abandoned well.

- 1 17. The process of claim 16, wherein the weight ratio of
- 2 cement to CKD is between about 2/3 and about 3/2.
- 3 18. A method of determining cost for supplying dry blended
- 4 cement and CKD to an off-load site comprising:
- 5 (a) determining a cost of procuring a predetermined amount
- 6 of cement and CKD from a cement source;
- 7 (b) determining a transportation cost for delivering the
- 8 predetermined amount of cement and CKD in a dry blended
- 9 condition from the cement source to the off-load site;
- 10 (c) determining a cost of off-loading the predetermined
- 11 amount of cement and CKD in the dry blended condition at the
- 12 off-load site; and
- 13 (d) determining a cost for supplying cement and CKD in a
- 14 dry blended condition to the off-load site by summing each
- 15 of the above-mentioned costs.
- 16 19. A method of determining a plurality of summed cost for
- 17 supplying cement and CKD in a dry blended condition to an
- 18 off-load site comprising:
- 19 (a) determining cost of procuring a predetermined amount of
- 20 cement and CKD from a plurality of cement sources;
- 21 (b) determining transportation cost for delivering th
- 22 predetermined amount of cement and CKD from each the
- 23 plurality of cement sources to the off-load site;
- 24 (c) determining the cost of off-loading the predetermined
- 25 amount of cement and CKD from each source at the off-load
- 26 site: and
- 27 (d) determining cost for supplying blended dry cement and
- 28 CKD to the off-load site by summing each of the above-
- 29 mentioned costs for each of the cement sources thereby
- 30 determining a plurality of summed costs.

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- 1 20. The method of claim 19, further comprising determining
- 2 a yield resulting from forming a hydraulic cementitious
- 3 slurry for each of the plurality of cement sources thereby
- 4 determining a plurality of yields; and
- 5 providing a price quote for supplying a predetermined
- 6 amount of dry blended cement and CKD to the off-load site
- 7 based on the plurality of yields and the plurality of summed
- 8 costs.
- 9 21. A method of determining a lowest cost per unit volume
- of a hydraulic cementitious slurry comprising the steps of:
- 11 (a) determining cost of procuring a cement and a CKD in a
- 12 predetermined weight ratio of cement to CKD at and from a
- 13 cement source;
- 14 (b) determining yields of hydraulic cementitious slurries
- 15 formed by slurrying a dry cement-CKD blend having the
- 16 predetermined weight ratio of cement to CKD with various
- 17 amounts of water;
- 18 (c) determining which of the hydraulic cementitious
- 19 slurries when cured over a predetermined period of time will
- 20 meet or exceed a predetermined specification; and
- 21 (d) determining a hydraulic cementitious slurry having a
- 22 lowest cost per unit volume using the dry cement-CKD blend
- 23 and which meets or exceeds the predetermined specification.
- 24 22. The method of claim 21, further comprising determining
- 25 a cost for supplying the dry cement-CKD blend from the
- 26 cement source to an off-load site using the hydraulic
- 27 cementitious slurry determined to have the lowest cost per
- 28 unit volume and which meets or exceeds the predetermined
- 29 specification.

- 1 23. The method of claim 21, further comprising:
- 2 repeating steps (a), (b), (c) and (d) except with at
- 3 least one more dry cement-CKD blend having a predetermined
- 4 weight ratio of cement to CKD which is different than the
- 5 first mentioned predetermined weight ratio of cement to CKD
- 6 and determining the hydraulic cementitious slurry having the
- 7 lowest cost per unit volume with the at least one more dry
- 8 cement-CKD blend; and
- 9 determining a cost for supplying one of the dry blends
- 10 of the cement and the CKD from the cement source to an off-
- 11 load site based on the hydraulic cementitious slurry
- 12 determined to have the lowest cost per unit volume and which
- 13 meets or exceeds the predetermined specification.
- 14 24. The method of claim 23, wherein the first mentioned
- 15 predetermined weight ratio of cement to CKD is about 2/3,
- 16 and wherein the at least one more predetermined weight ratio
- of cement to CKD' is about 3/2.
- 18 25. The method of claim 24, wherein the at least one more
- 19 predetermined weight ratio of cement to CKD also includes a
- 20 weight ratio of about 1/1.
- 21 26. The method of claim 25, wherein the predetermined
- 22 specification is a cured plug having at least a
- 23 predetermined compressive strength while not exceeding a
- 24 predetermined maximum permeability.